Statement-III

Expansion of Telecom Network (Fixed & Cellular): 2002-2006 Estimated

Year ending 31st March	Total# (In Million)	Tel-density
2002	46.11	4.49
2003	56.52	5.42
2004	69.30	6.54
2005	84.99	7.89
2006	104.24	9.53

These are the cumulative DELs at the end of each year i.e. March 31st

Projection are based on present policy frame-work and the normal economic growth.

Opening of new post offices

1208. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of COMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms prescribed by Government for opening of new post offices;

(b) the number of new post offices opened in the country during the last three years State-wise;

(c) whether Government have opened any new post offices in Orissa during 2001-2002; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The norms prescribed by Government for opening of new post offices, are given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) The number of new post offices opened int he country during the last three years State-wise is given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(c) and (d) New post offices have been opened at Badagudagadia, District Mayurbhanj and Purunaguma, District Kalahandi of Orissa during the year 2001-2002.

Statement-I

1. *Norms for opening extra departmental Brach Post Offices:*

1.1 Population:

(a) In Normal Areas:

3000 population in a group of villages (including the PPO village).

(b) In Hilly, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible Areas:

500 population in an individual village or 1000 population in a group of villages.

1.2 Distance:

(a) In Normal Areas:

The minimum distance from the nearest existing post office will be 3 Kms.

(b) In Hilly, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible Areas:

The distance limit will be the same as above except that in Hilly Areas, the minimum distance limit can be relaxed by the Directorate in cases where such relaxation is warranted by special circumstances which should be clearly explained while submitting a proposal.

1.3 Anticipated income:

(a) In Normal Areas:

The minimum anticipated revenue will be 33% of the cost.

(b) In Hilly, Tribal, Desert and Inaccessible Areas:

The minimum anticipated income will be 15% of the cost.

2. Criteria of upgrading/opening Departmental Sub Post Offices:

(a) In Rural Areas:

The Minimum work load of the Extra Departmental Branch Post Office, proposed to be upgraded, should be five hours per day. The permissible limit of annual loss is Rs. 2400/- in Normal Rural areas and Rs. 4800/- in Tribal and Hilly areas.

(b) In Urban Areas:

In Urban areas, the post office should initially be self-supporting, and, at the time of the first annual reviews, it should show a 5% profit to be eligible for further retention.

The minimum distance between two post officers should be 1.5 Kms. in cities with a population of 20 lakhs and above, and 2 Kms, in other Urban Areas. No two delivery offices, however, should be closer than 5 Kms. for each other.

Heads of Circles have powers to relax the distance condition in 10% of the cases.

A Delivery Post Office in Urban Area should have a minimum of 7 Postmen's beats.

2. *Norms for opening Extra Departmental Branch post offices in Hilly, Tribal, Desert and inaccessible Areas:*

1. Population:

500 population in an indivicual village or 1000 population in a group of villages.

2. Distance:

The minimum distance from the nearest existing post office will be 3 Kms. The minimum distance limit can be relaxed by the Directorate in cases where such relaxation is warranted by speical circumstances which should be clearly explained while submitting a proposal.

3. Anticipated Income:

The minimum anticipated income would be 15% of the cost.

Statement-II

State-wise Number of post offices opened during the last three years.

Sl. No.	State	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-01	
		*BOs	**DSOs	BOs	DSOs	BOs	DSOs
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10	2	4	3	6	2
2.	Assam	54	5	24	7	30	3
3.	Bihar	72	2	51	-	70	1
4.	Chhatisgarh	-	-	-	-	25	1
5.	Delhi	4	2	4	2	4	2

Sl. No.	State	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-01	
		*BOs	**DSOs	BOs	DSOsBOs		DSOs
6.	Gujarat including Daman & Diu and Dadra Nagar Haveli	31	2	28	2	8	4
7.	Haryana	13	3	12	1	2	1
8.	Himachal Pradesh	7	1	2	1	2	1
9.	J & K	23	1	14	1	5	1
10.	Jharkhand	-	-	-	-	-	1
11.	Karnataka	12	4	21	3	21	2
12.	Kerala	12	3	4	2	4	1
13.	Madhya Pradesh	50	5	40	4	15	3
14.	Maharashtra including Goa	69	3	50	3	60	7
15.	North Eastern States excluding Assam	54	3	19	3	3	3
16.	Orissa	10	2	14	2	10	2
17.	Punjab including Chandigarh	12	2	9	1	12	2
18.	Rajasthan	30	1	24	1	20	2
19.	Tamil Nadu including Pondicherry	10	2	15	2	15	2
20.	Uttar Pradesh	82	3	10	2	45	-
21.	Uttaranchal	-	-	-	-	6	1
22.	West Bengal including Sikkim and Andaman & Nicobar	43	4	41	9	-	10
	TOTAL:	598	50	386	49	363	52

*BOs= Branch Offices

**DSOs= Departmental sub Offices